

***** LB 1.2.2 *****

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This beta 1.2.2 release of LB has been revised to minimize high memory usage so it can run with PRO-WAM installed. The LB (M4) is now compiled with PRO-MC.

A few minor changes have been included from that documented in the LB manual. First, pages 111 and 112 now apply to the TRS-80 version as well as the MS-DOS version. This adds menu option #14 - View/Modify Path Settings. In the TRS-80 version, this is used to designate the drive specification (:d) for the data file, screen and print formats, index files, and temporary files. You must make these selections. LB will require you to designate these assignments before it will be able to locate the data files associated with your data base. This change was instituted to eliminate the drive searching when access to these files was needed. A DOS shell command has also been added to the menu.

So if you have an *EXISTING* data base(s), the first query from LB will be to create the path file. Such a file has an extension of "/PFL". LB will search all active drives for that file.

Another change was made to the Sort/Select module. The connectives "AND" and "OR" noted on page 102 are now entered with the abbreviations "A" and "O".

Please note that the 1.2.2 release is a beta release. It is provided so that you may operate LB with PRO-WAM installed. A program such as LB is very complex and requires a great deal of testing; part of that testing is performed by folks using the beta version. If you experience any problem in operation, try to test the operation against the original version of LB. If the problem is a new one, please document it thoroughly and report the problem to MISOSYS.

Note: Some folks seem to be confused as to the sequence of steps needed to create a NEW data base. Do NOT try to select the data base name using menu option (1). The correct procedure is to DEFINE YOUR DATA BASE first, using option (10), DEFINE FILE FORMAT. Do NOT try to set up the path using option (14) before creating your data base! Careful reading of the manual will allow you to discern these fine points.
